

June 15, 2022

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Selectmen present-Lincoln Cooper, David Shippee, and Jack Joslyn.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Andrew McCoy, Maximilian Candidus, Leo Candidus, and Frank Bood.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience of Citizens: L. Cooper reported that Attorney Andrew McCoy is here tonight to discuss a proposed amendment to the Racetracks Ordinance. Andrew McCoy of Heller, Heller & McCoy, stated that he is representing Maximilian Candidus for property located at 220 Newport Road. A proposed language addition to the Racetracks Ordinance was distributed to the Board of Selectmen for review. A. McCoy stated that the purpose of this meeting is to begin an informal discussion to get a consensus on how the Board feels about a proposed amendment to the Racetracks Ordinance in Sterling; specifically looking to use the proposed amendment to alleviate what is possibly seen as an issue in town. Many citizens in town own and operate recreational vehicles; such as, atvs and dirt bikes, and they are being operated on private and town property with or without permission, going through private property and wetlands causing damage. The proposal is a limited exception to the ordinance for large parcels that are remotely located in town that have adequate buffers in place between themselves and other residential structures. M. Candidus is looking to open practice and/or training tracks for recreational vehicles, with no intent to hold events or racing. M. Candidus is looking for a location where people can safely operate these vehicles on a track that has been safely designed, and for a fee, ride for the day. The track would be completely fenced in and for insurance purposes, when the track is not in operation, it would have to be locked up.

The following questions were asked and answered:

1) How would first aid be administered?

The roads are large enough for any emergency vehicle to access any portion of the track.

2) What would the noise be like for the neighbors at any one time?

The location has been dug out making it a valley/bowl as a natural sound buffer, but we would be willing to extend higher to give it more of a sound buffer. The proposed amendment is for a 750' buffer from residences, but if the Board thinks it needs more, that can be discussed. It is the opinion of the Board of Selectmen to have a petition submitted and validate the signatures followed by a town meeting.

It was made clear that the remarks/questions presented by the Board of Selectmen were opinions only. In no way should they be interpreted to reflect anything except that.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve the 6/1/2022 meeting minutes and the 6/7/2022 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Energy Committee, Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Recreation Authority Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals): D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to table this item to the next meeting as there are no candidates. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve the bills for 6/15/2022 in the amount of \$92,257.48. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Treasurer's Monthly Reports: The unaudited General Fund Balance as of 6/30/2021, the General Fund Budget to Actual for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and the various Fund Balances for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 were reviewed and discussed.

c. Discussion Regarding Long-Range Subcommittee with the Board of Finance: Neil Delmonico, Chairman of the Long-Range Subcommittee and Tracie Adams have volunteered to join

the committee from the Board of Finance and Link Cooper and Jack Joslyn have volunteered to represent the Board of Selectmen. The first meeting is scheduled for the first (1st) Wednesday of the month beginning September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

d. Request for Refund for Erosion and Sedimentation Bond – New England Stone Supply – David Perrone – 81 Industrial Park Road: David Perrone has requested release of his Erosion and Sedimentation Bond from April 2012 in the amount of \$3,000 for property located at 81 Industrial Park Road. Mr. Perrone is no longer the owner of the parcel. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to release the Erosion and Sedimentation Bond from April 2012 in the amount of \$3,000 to New England Stone Supply, c/o David Perrone, 237 Capstan Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: None.

Adjournment: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce Gustavson, Recording Secretary